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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Mr. Cary Mathias
Regional Waste Manager
ArcelorMittal USA
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Re: Verification Sampling
ArcelorMittal, Indiana Harbor Long Carbon – East Chicago, Indiana
EPA ID No. IND 005 159 199

Dear Mr. Mathias

This letter is to inform you that EPA has reviewed the *Verification Sampling ArcelorMittal Indiana Harbor Long Carbon-East Chicago, Indiana* (Report) submitted to EPA by ArcelorMittal on May 20, 2019. ArcelorMittal performed activities described in the *Verification Sampling and Analysis Plan ArcelorMittal Indiana Harbor Long Carbon-East Chicago, Indiana* (SAP) dated February 5, 2019. EPA and ArcelorMittal met on March 14, 2019 to discuss EPA's February 15, 2019 comments on the SAP and considerations and actions ArcelorMittal took during SAP activities to address EPA's comments. Report review focused on technical consistency and adherence to EPA policy and regulations.

EPA agrees with ArcelorMittal's position that the next step to take in the RCRA FIRST process is to develop a parcel specific Conceptual Site Model (CSM) and Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) for the Indiana Harbor Long Carbon (IHLC) parcel. In addition to an HHRA, the CSM must address any potential ecological risk at and from IHLC. If you have any questions regarding this letter, feel free to contact me at (312)-353-9229 or Melissa Blankenship at (312)-886-9641.

Sincerely,

Brandon Pursel
Project Manager, Corrective Action Section 3
Land, Chemicals & Redevelopment Division

cc: John R. Hill (ArcelorMittal)